

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) A pedal bearing block for receiving a pedal for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a basic body shell including a shell reinforcing element;

a connecting point for fastening the pedal bearing block to a front wall of the body shell; and

a bearing point for receiving a pedal bearing,

wherein the shell consists of metal and the reinforcing element consists of plastic, and the bearing point is formed by the reinforcing element and the shell.

9. (currently amended) The pedal bearing block as claimed in claim 8, wherein ~~the shell has an edge encircling it~~ encircles the shell in some regions.

10. (previously presented) The pedal bearing block as claimed in claim 8, wherein the reinforcing element has ribs.

11. (previously presented) The pedal bearing block as claimed in claim 9, wherein the reinforcing element has ribs.

12. (previously presented) The pedal bearing block as claimed in claim 10, wherein the reinforcing element has ribs around the bearing point of the pedal bearing.

13. (previously presented) The pedal bearing block as claimed in claim 8, wherein the reinforcing element is secured on the shell.

14. (previously presented) The pedal bearing block as claimed in claim 9, wherein the reinforcing element substantially envelopes the encircling edge of the shell.

15. (previously presented) The pedal bearing block as claimed in claim 11, wherein the reinforcing element substantially envelopes the encircling edge of the shell.

16. (previously presented) The pedal bearing block as claimed in claim 8, wherein the reinforcing element has receiving elements for receiving functional elements.

17. (previously presented) The pedal bearing block as claimed in claim 9, wherein the reinforcing element has receiving elements for receiving functional elements.

18. (previously presented) The pedal bearing block as claimed in claim 12, wherein the reinforcing element has receiving elements for receiving functional elements.

19. (previously presented) The pedal bearing block as claimed in claim 13, wherein the reinforcing element has receiving elements for receiving functional elements.

20. (previously presented) The pedal bearing block as claimed in claim 14, wherein the reinforcing element has receiving elements for receiving functional elements.